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ARE YOU READY FOR NEXT SEASON?

UPCOMING IONOSPHERIC ERUPTIONS

July: 23-NCCC Meeting, 7:30 PM
AS&L Building, Hayward
28-29-County Hunter's Contest
New Jersey QSO Party

August: 4-5-ARRL UHF 'test
18-19-SEANET 'test Phone
25-26-All Asian CW (!!!!)
27-NCCC Meeting

September: 8-9-ARRL VHF 'test
NA Sprint
15-16-CAN-AM 'test(CW
Washington QSO
Party
29-30-CAN-AM 'test(Ph
24-NCCC Meeting

GARY'S GRUMBLINGS

Response to my column in last month's JUG ranged from "brilliant prolificity" to "drab verbosity". In any case, I'm going to keep this month's article short as I'm packing for my trip to CK7WJ and the FROZEN NORTH.

Last month's written plea for an SS chairman did not fall on deaf ears (or was it blind eyes??). Bob Wilson, N6TV, has agreed to act as a co-chairman for the contest, handling the SCV and SF sections. The other half of this co-chaired coordinating team is (and he truly bit his lip as he offered his services) WA6VEF, who'll take on similar duties east of SCV. Alan, K6XO, has already started the ball rolling toward a smashing successful CQP. And, I promise 1978 CQP results in time for the August meeting (Good old George-Ed.).

I made my first contesting slide show presentation last night (7-6-79) at the Palo Alto Amateur Radio Association. Expecting a crowd of about 35 people, I was pleased to see their meeting place packed with about 65 to 70. The show went smoothly, and it appears that NCCC may grow by as many as 40 members when the presentation has been made at ham

(QSY ONWARD.....)

PETE'S PREDICTIONS

During this summer period while operating activities are low and the weather is good it's time to make some of those antenna and station improvements you have been thinking about. Too often many of us are caught putting up antennas or making station modifications on the starting day of a major contest. The usual result is exhaustion by the time the contest starts, or unexpected bugs in the system with no time left to correct them.

If you get your antenna work done now you will have plenty of time to test performance and make additional modifications if necessary.

Take your memory back to last season and consider the operational features of your station which need improvements to increase operating efficiency and reduce operator fatigue. Make a list of needed changes and get started on them. To meet our goal of 20 Meg in the 1979 SS and to win the 1980 ARRL DX 'test, all of our stations will have to be operating at top efficiency.

Appearing on the next page is a schedule of the major contests for

(Again, Onward.....)

AND THE GRUMBLING GOES ON...

clubs throughout the Bay Area.

The U.S. Postal Service responded to my biting, in-print attack by delivering my JUNE JUG 10 days after the newsletter was mailed! This kind of service borders on ludicrousity. I will shortly be in contact with Hugh, WA6AUD, to get his recommendations for JUG zip code sorting, and perhaps a personal visit to the Oakland Postmaster is in order. I again encourage you to get on the phone and complain to your local post office if the JUG arrives late.

I'll see you at the meeting, July 23.....

Gary
WA6VEF

MORE FROM PETE

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next season plus a few others which may be of interest for practice. The CQWW and the CD Parties are excellent for testing and debugging stations for our big efforts in the SS and ARRL DX.

73,
Pete W6XX

:CQP-----Oct 6-7
:CQWW CW-----Oct 13-14
:CQWW SSB-----Nov 23-24
:SS CW-----Nov 3-4
:SS SSB-----Nov 17-18
:160 Meter Test(ARRL)-Dec 1-2
:ARRL 10 Meter Test---Dec 8-9
:ARRL DX CW-----Feb 16-17
:ARRL DX SSB-----Mar 1-2

CQP

Although many of you may have forgotten, there was indeed a 1978 Cal QSO Party, although there were never any results compiled. Our intrepid prez, WA6VEF, promises us the results at the August meeting, though, for those of you who have been patiently waiting. However, Gary should not get the blame for the poor response time for the results. The person who promised us the results time and time again was George, WB6DSV. It seems he was struck by Cupid's arrow or something like that. The club has suffered a great deal of bad publicity regarding this affair, and it is good that it is over. Hopefully, next year's results will be somewhat more prompt.

ANOTHER NA SPRINT

Yes, folks, it is indeed time for another North American Sprint contest, the contest sponsored by the National Contest Journal. The contest, to be held the evening of Saturday, Sept. 8, will hopefully be the best yet.

The rules for this contest are the same as for all previous ones, but, in case you just tuned in, I will recap them for you. First of all, it is CW only. I know that just eliminated 50% of the club, especially those that attend San Jose State, but, for the rest of you, here we go. Contest activity will be on 20, 40, and 80 meters, with suggested frequencies about 30 to 50 kHz. up from each band edge.

The exchange for the contest is as follows. To be a valid contact, each QSO must contain this information: his call, your call, a serial number (beginning with 001), your name and state. An example follows:

N6HT de WA6VEF nr 203 Gary CAL K

WA6VEF de N6HT nr 002 Glenn CAL Z

The info need not be in that order, but must be contained nonetheless.

One interesting facet of the 'test' is the "QSY" rule. It states that once you call CQ, QRZ?, QRZ, Z, etc., and someone calls you and you proceed to QSO him or her, you must QSY at least 5 kHz before calling another CQ, or at least 1 kHz, before working another station.

Perhaps the best part of the contest is the team competition. A team consists of 10 amateurs. That is the only requirement, no meetings, no minimum distance, etc. Oh, yes, the team list must be in the hands of N6SF at least 24 hours before the start of the contest to be eligible for awards. This must be done by either first class mail (better mail early) or by a Western Union mailgram (No singing ones, tho), dated at least 24 hours before the start. Teams compete, with the winning team getting awards for all of its members, and all teams' highest scoring operator gets a certificate.

The time????? Oh, so you thought I forgot. Well I did, but it goes from 0100Z to 0500Z (or, 6PM to 10PM local). Here's hoping to see you in the sprint.

EAST COAST DOESN'T SUCK

Despite words to the contrary, people still seem to be wearing the NCCC "Smutty T-Shirts" to public gatherings. While the message on the shirts may be true, there is a time and a place for everything, and Fresno and other such events certainly isn't the place. One indiscrete person decided to wear his shirt at Fresno this year, and, boy, you should have heard it hit the fan. It was worse than the time Armond Noble lambasted the club in his world renowned publication "WORLD RADIO NEWS". Many people attending the convention from the East Coast returned home and told their neighbors about this affair and the NCCC got much bad press (even more so than the late CQP results did). Again, a plea--- PLEASE don't wear your smut at such events; meetings, pizza parlors, etc., are OK, but not elsewhere. After all, you never know where a congressman will be lurking.

SWAPSHOP

Wanted: 450 MHz. HT similar to HT-220 or PE. Multi-channel PL desired. Contact John, WD6AGJ, at 968-2856.

For Sale: Kenwood TR2200A 2mtr XCVR. with power supply, mobile bracket, nicads and charger, carry strap, etc. 10 xtals installed, with provisions for 12. Contact AA6KB at 408-255-9643.

For Sale: BIG capacitors, 7.5MFD at 20kV. Ideal for test mode service. Limited quantity available from N6IG at 841-0346.

Available: Unemployed 4X4 with Second class Phone license looking to do radio and tower work in exchange for rigs and/or money. Contact N6AMG at 724-7724.

For Sale: 450 MHz. Prog Base station, table top variety, 15 watt. \$75 from N6IG at 841-0346. It even works!!!

ROSTER UPDATES

N6AMG Phone(ideal for one ringers):
415-724-7724
N6IG: 1919 Fifth Street
Berkeley, CA 94710
415-841-0346

...DUES ARE DUES ARE DUES...

Yes, folks, it is that time of the year again----time to dive deep into your pocket and dig for hard coinage (sounded erotic until coinage) with which to pay your 1979-1980 NCCC dues. If you haven't paid yet, then you are in arrears aside from stealing the SASE in the JUG two months ago. However, be that as it may be, please, if you have not already done so, send your dues to Secretary/Treasurer N6XI. The dues are \$6 for students (defined as high school and younger, as well as college students taking at least 12 units), and \$9 for adults.

VARIOUS SCORESField Day:

K6YT/6(+N6IG,K6's XO RU,W1ARR,WA6VEF, and a cast of thousands)---4280(class 4A)

K6YA/6(+WB6SHD,K6MA)-----3780(class 4A)

IARU Radiosport:

CK7WJ----- (M/S)-----4900x160(???)

N6TU(*AA6UO,JA3ODC(illegal))3030x117 m/s
W6YX(N6's IG,NE,W1ARR,WA6ITV,WD6AGJ ops)

-----3860x125

June VHF QSO PARTY

N6AMG/6(+N6IG,WB6BJO,WA6VEF,W1ARR,WD6-FGA)-----586x41

W6YKM/6(+WA6EZM,WB6KBZ)---460x50(approx)

QUESTIONNAIRES

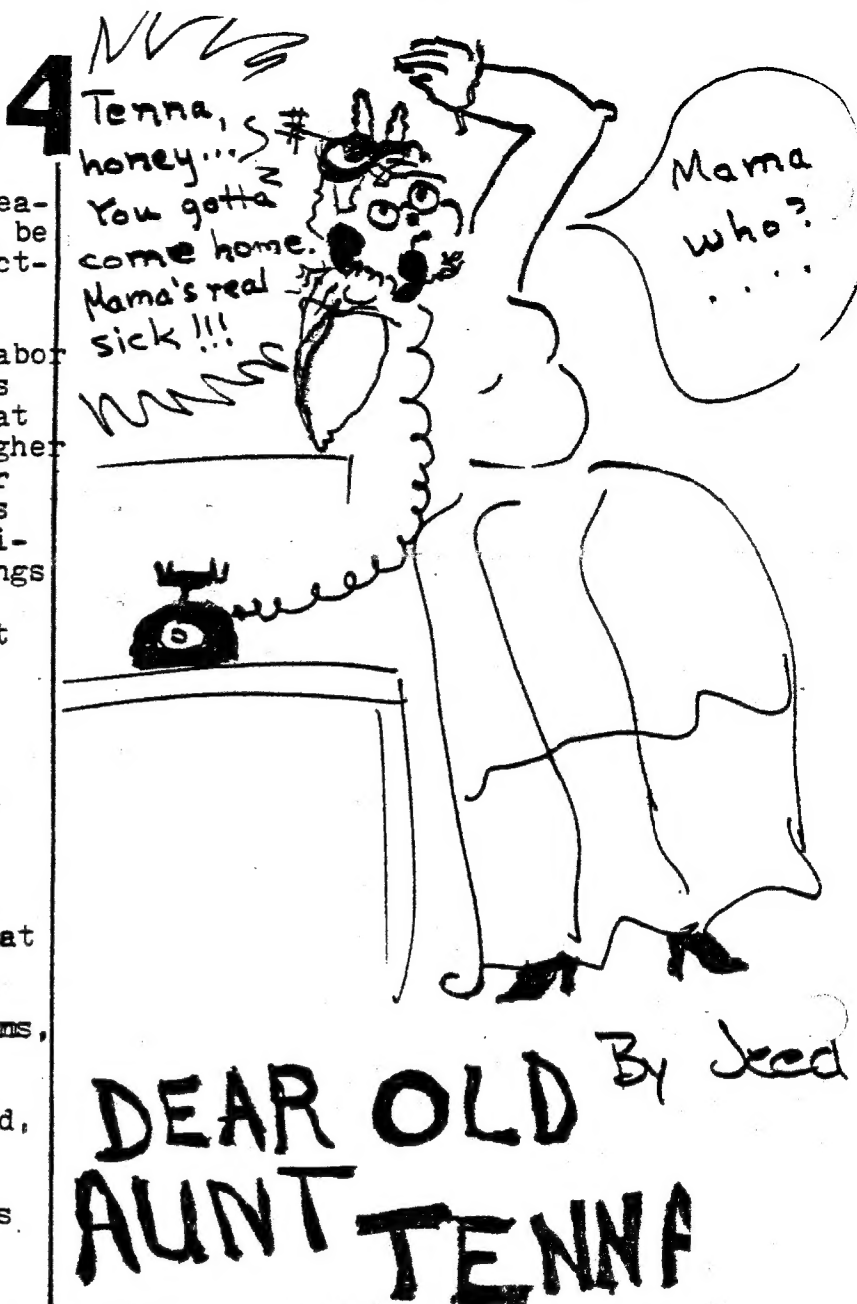
Either 2/3 of the club likes soaking off unused stamps from SASE's, or we have a club full of procrastinators. That is the impression one gets when looking at the outcome of the NCCC Official Questionnaire sent out in the May JUG along with a First Class SASE. Up until now, we have only gotten about 60 return and with over 200 members, that isn't very good. Also, considering we spent 15¢ per return envelope, it looks bad for the club as a whole. Come on, people send in your questionnaires. It only takes a moment, and it doesn't cost you anything, unless of course you decide to enclose your dues!

REPEATER UPDATE

For those of you who have gotten sick of listening to N6KB promise us telephone poles and towers at the repeater site for the past few months will be relieved to hear that something was actually done recently. Yes, despite all the fuss, 40' of our 80' tower was installed on July 15, thanks to the labor of N6KB, WB6NMW, and a few others. This resulted in the repeater(2 meters, that is) antenna being raised almost 30' higher than it was before. More of this tower is scheduled to go up in the future as soon as guy wire accessories are acquired by the club. Along this line, things are still needed, such as preforms, clamps, etc. N6RO has volunteered, but we don't want to put too much of a strain on his supply.

JULY MEETING

For those of you who, by some fluke of the postal service, get your July JUG in time for the July meeting will be interested to know that the program at that meeting will be the slide show that Gary, WA6VEF, has been presenting to other clubs about the NCCC, plus a few surprises. They include over 55 stations, some of which are really big!!! Come to this meeting and see who has been beating you out in all the pileups, and how he does it. The Time: 7:30 PM. The place: The usual, the American Savings and Loan office, Foothill and B Streets in Hayward. See you there.



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